

CHAPTER NO. 874

HOUSE BILL NO. 2739

By Representative Bunch

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2811

By Senator Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to the establishment of a significant relationship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision, to be designated as follows:

(3) A grandparent is not required to present the testimony or affidavit of an expert witness in order to establish a significant existing relationship with a grandchild or that the loss of the relationship is likely to occasion severe emotional harm to the child. Instead, the court shall consider whether the facts of the particular case would lead a reasonable person to believe that there is a significant existing relationship between the grandparent and grandchild or that the loss of the relationship is likely to occasion severe emotional harm to the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 19, 2004


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of June 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR